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the vessels destined for the country unaffected, as well as of the effects of their passengers and ship's crew. This operation, controlled by the sanitary commissioners of the countries who take the precautionary measures, will constitute the basis of the sanitary treatment which is applied, without detriment to the supplementary measures of quarantine which are stipulated for each one of the said diseases. The terms pertaining to the present agreement must be used in case of the plague.

## CHINA.

*Report from Hongkong—No cases of plague during the week—Deaths from plague January 1 to October 31, 1900.*

HONGKONG, CHINA, November 6, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of inspection work at this station for the week ended November 3, 1900. I also transmit, under same cover, a report of deaths from plague taken from the official Government Gazette of the colony.

Five hundred and forty baths were given during the week; all the body clothing and 251 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

The Japanese steamship *Nippon Maru* was disinfected to kill rats.

No cases of plague or other quarantinable disease have been reported to the local sanitary board during the week.

The custom in the past has been to declare the port free from infection after an interval of seven days since the last case. The usual precaution will be observed with all vessels leaving for United States ports.

Respectfully,

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[Inclosure.]

*Deaths from bubonic plague in the colony of Hongkong January 1 to October 31, 1900.*

Months.	Population.			Months.	Population.		
	British and foreign.	Chinese land.	Chinese harbor.		British and foreign.	Chinese land.	Chinese harbor.
January .....	0	6	2	July .....	1	216	24
February .....	1	7	0	August .....	4	68	11
March .....	0	4	0	September .....	0	11	2
April .....	0	62	5	October .....	0	14	1
May .....	8	238	44	Total .....	15	885	118
June .....	1	259	29				

Chinese land population..... 212,860  
Chinese harbor population..... 35,040  
British and foreign population..... 9,100

Estimated total population..... 257,000

## CUBA.

*Reports from Cienfuegos, Casilda, and Santa Cruz del Sur.*

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, December 10, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the week ended December 8, 1900, 17 deaths have occurred from the following causes in this city: Tuberculosis, 3; enteritis, 3; apoplexy, cerebral, 1; heart disease, 1; pulmonary hemorrhage, 1; mitral insufficiency, 1; inflammation of the kidneys, 1; pernicious fever, 1; old age, 1; arterial sclerosis, 1; septicæmia, 1; sclerosis of the liver, 1; cerebral hemorrhage, 1.